

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have placed the claims in a condition for allowance.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6, 8, 14, 16, 19, 25, 27 included allowable subject matter. Applicants have rewritten claims 6, 8, 14, 16, 19, 25, 27 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that independent claims 6, 8, 14, 16, 19, 25, 27 are in a condition for allowance.

Applicants have canceled claims 1, 9, 17, 18, 20.

All remaining claims have been amended to depend from one of the independent claims 6, 8, 14, 16, 19, 25, 27 that are now in a condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that claims 2-8, 10-16, 19, 21-27 are in a condition for allowance, and all other claims have been canceled. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance.

#### Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record. Should any additional fees beyond those indicated be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney/agent of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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